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SUBJECT: Public Pay Telephone Services

The public pay telephone industry will be undergoing some important changes in the near future. BellSouth Public Communications currently holds the statewide contract to provide all public pay telephone equipment and the local and long distance calling associated with the service. Because of changing market conditions, BellSouth has notified the Louisiana Public Service Commission of its plan to exit the public pay telephone services market by January 2003. Of the 1,400 public pay telephones provided to state government, BellSouth maintains that they are losing money on 900 public telephones, with the remaining 500 only marginally profitable. Based on this information, OTM can reasonably project that in the future, rather than receiving commissions for pay telephone service, agencies may be required to pay monthly recurring costs for each public pay telephone located on agency premises. Vendors have estimated that the recurring cost of these telephones could range between \$30 and \$60 a month.

Based on this information, OTM is requesting that each agency review its public pay telephone requirements in an effort to identify all telephones that the agency may desire to disconnect should the agency be required to pay a monthly fee for the service. Agencies are urged to begin this identification and disconnection process immediately.

Attached is an inventory form to assist you in assessing your agency's pay telephone needs. Please complete and return it by FAX (225-342-7772) to OTM by June 1, 2001. Questions should be directed to Bob Schilling at 225-342-7756 or bschill@doa.state.la.us.

Attachment

Office of Telecommunications Management

Public Pay Telephone Questionnaire

(This form may be duplicated for each telephone as necessary)

Public Pay Telephone Number: _____

Address of the Public Pay Telephone: _____

Specific Physical Location: _____

Retain: _____

Yes: _____

(Agency understands by retaining the Public Pay Telephone sometime in the future a monthly service fee may be applicable)

No: _____

Why required: _____

Disconnect: (If **signed** by the Telecommunications Coordinator the pay telephone will be disconnected)

Yes: _____

Effective Date: _____

Agency Name: _____

AU#: _____

Name of respondent if different than Telecommunications Coordinator: _____

Telecommunications Coordinator's Signature: _____

Telecommunications Coordinator's Telephone Number: _____

Telecommunications Coordinator's E-Mail Address: _____

Date of response: _____

Other comments or notes: _____
